

**Observations to the claims in view of EP 0 965 677 (Chioffi)****I Independent claims**

Differences between claims 17/20 and EP 0 965 677 (Chioffi)

<b>Invention</b>	<b>EP 0 965 677 (Chioffi)</b>
Blocking and release unit that integrally provides the functions "blocking" and "releasing"	There is no blocking <u>and</u> release unit, but a blocking and emergency release unit (bimetal 8 and locking member 13) that integrally provides the functions "blocking" and "emergency release"
Emergency release unit that only in case of a failure releases	There is not separate emergency release unit (only a separate release unit [lever 16, actuator 19]) for release in normal operation
Emergency release until is a unit being separated from blocking and release unit	There is no separate emergency release unit; blocking and emergency release unit provides, besides its blocking function, an emergency release function
One actuator (actuator of blocking and release unit) for blocking and releasing	One actuator (actuator of blocking and emergency release unit) for blocking; One actuator (actuator of the release unit) for releasing
Emergency release unit assumes in response to a crossover of the blocking and release unit into the blocking state (i.e. before, during or after crossover into the blocking state) its working state	There is no separate emergency release unit; therefore, the emergency release portion of the blocking and emergency release unit cannot assume its working state in response to a crossover into the blocking state of the blocking portion of the blocking and emergency release unit; rather, there is only one blocking/working state

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Further differences for claim 20

<b>Invention</b>	<b>EP 0 965 677 (Chioffi)</b>
Emergency release unit comprises a force-generating element (e.g. a spring) that effects the crossover into the working state ( <u>no actuation</u> of the actuator of the emergency release unit)	Crossover of the emergency release portion of the blocking and emergency release unit into the blocking/working state is effected by heating/ <u>actuation</u> of bimetal 8; bimetal 8 is an actuator and does not represent a force-generating element in terms of the present invention
Crossover from the working state into the idle state is effected in an abnormal operating state by means of the actuator of the emergency release unit ( <u>actuation</u> of the emergency release unit actuator)	Crossover from the blocking/working state into the release/idle state in case of an abnormal operating state is effected by cooling bimetal 8 ( <u>termination of actuation</u> of bimetal 8)

**II Dependent claims**

Further difference for claim 18

<b>Invention</b>	<b>EP 0 965 677 (Chioffi)</b>
Crossover from the working state into the idle state in an abnormal operating state is effected by the actuator of the emergency release unit (actuation of the actuator)	Crossover from the blocking/working state into the release/idle state in an abnormal operating state is effected by a cooling of bimetal 8 ( <u>termination of actuation of bimetal 8</u> )

Further difference for claim 19

<b>Invention</b>	<b>EP 0 965 677 (Chioffi)</b>
Emergency release unit comprises a force-generating element (e.g. a spring) that effects the crossover into the idle state in an abnormal operating state	No separate force-generating element that effects a crossover into the release/idle state in an abnormal operating state; crossover into the release/idle state in an abnormal operating state is effected by the blocking and emergency release unit itself (cooling of bimetal 8)

Further difference for claims 31 to 36

<b>Invention</b>	<b>EP 0 965 677 (Chioffi)</b>
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